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1. FAR EASTERN ECONOMIC REVIEW STORY "MAKING THE MOST OF MAYAGUEZ" BY WILLIAM SHAWCROSS CITES STATEMENT ATTRIBUTED TO SECRETARY KISSINGER (REFTEL). ARTICLE IS CRITICAL OF WHAT AUTHOR SEES AS ATTEMPT TO FIND A CRISIS TO SHORE UP US IMAGE WITH DOMESTIC CONSERVATIVES AND ALSO TO DELIVER MESSAGE TO NORTH KOREANS. ARTICLE CONTENDS US ACTION WAS HARD, FORCEFUL, ALMOST JINGO-ISTIC AND, TO AUTHOR, WRONGLY INCREASES US MILITARY COMMITMENTS.

2. PERTINENT PASSAGE READS: QUOTE: ASKED ABOUT THE THAI GOVERNMENT'S COMPLAINTS OVER THE WAY IN WHICH THE US WAS VIOLATING ITS SOVEREIGNTY OVER THE MAYAGUEZ, KISSINGER TOLD REPORTERS THAT THEY SHOULD NOT PAY ATTENTION TO THAI POLITICIANS, BUT RATHER TO THE THAI MILITARY. THE MILITARY WERE HAPPY ENOUGH FOR THE US TO USE U-TAPAO AND THAT WAS WHAT MATTERED, HE SAID
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PRIVATELY. END QUOTE. NO QUOTATION MARKS WERE USED

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